

2009 Annual Report



DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Serving the citizens of Duluth since 1870



I am honored to present to you our 2009 annual report. Thank you for taking the time to read about our activities.

2009 was a tight budget year and we again focused on being good stewards with the public's tax money. We applied and obtained grant funding for a second crime analyst and two evidence technicians. These positions free up our police officers to work the street and to be proactive in their efforts. Additionally, on the budget front, our 2009 overtime costs came in \$130,000 below budget. This is rare in police work, but happened through close monitoring by our management team.

We worked closely with the City administration and council to update our curfew ordinance to help us deal more effectively with juvenile crime problems. Car burglaries, graffiti, property crimes, and nighttime disturbances are frequently perpetrated by juveniles. Juveniles are disproportionately victims of crime as well. Due to these facts, we successfully worked hand in hand with our neighborhood watch and community groups to expand the curfew for kids aged 16-17.

Another major accomplishment was the addition of the crime-free housing ordinance. Officer Shawn McGovern put forth tremendous effort and worked closely with the city council and landlords to implement this wonderful new tool (<http://www.duluthmn.gov/police/CFMH/CFMH%20FAQs2.pdf>). We feel that this program will strengthen our relationships with property managers and make our neighborhoods safer for all.

I want to highlight one other major accomplishment related to recruit retention. Over the last few years we have seen a 20%-30% wash out rate among our new hires. The loss of recruits comes at big expense to the City. We estimate each recruit costs us \$30,000 before they even hit the streets. By week 8 of the field training program that number climbs to about \$50,000. As a result of these concerns, we conducted a study which ultimately determined that the current training program was not working well and new hires were coming in the door poorly prepared for police work. Training Lieutenant Pete Stauber and his staff developed a 10 week academy class that brought new hires up to speed and prepared them for success. Additionally, we went with a new field training program that had buy-in from our trainers. As a result of these changes, we had a 100% retention in the 2009 recruit class-a retention rate not seen in 9 years.

As you read through this report, you will see the tremendous success our department had in 2009 with solving major crimes. We are fortunate as a community to have such a high caliber of staff.

Thank you for your interest in our department.

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Mission Statement

The Mission of the Duluth Police Department is to provide the highest level of service through partnerships and problem solving in a professional, ethical, and timely manner.

Address to Members of the Department



The following is an excerpt from the Rules and Regulations of the Duluth Police Department issued on July 5, 1927. Although the address is over 80 years old, the values of the department have not changed through the years.

"Upon appointment as a member of the police department, it is most important that you fully realize the responsibility imposed upon you, and the confidence reposed in you. It is not just a "Job" to which you have been appointed - it is a position of trust - and the preservation of peace, the absence of crime, and the protection of life and property are the proofs necessary to show that you have been faithful to that trust.

Always remember that you are a sworn officer of the law, and a servant of all the public; therefore, in the discharge of your duties do not permit the subject of politics, race, religion or fraternalism to merit approval or disapproval in your actions.

In conclusion, let it be clearly understood that you will be judged, treated and respected not by the amount of influence that you may bring to bear, but by the maximum service you render in accordance with your oath of office."

Powers, Duties and Functions

Duluth police officers have the authority and responsibility to enforce all ordinances of the City of Duluth, laws of the State of Minnesota and the United States. This authority and responsibility is generally only exercised within the corporate limits of the City of Duluth, unless acting under a mutual aid agreement, or other specific police function. Minnesota State Statute gives on-duty officers police powers throughout the State.

The Chief of Police directs the operation and administration of the department and is responsible for the following:

- *preservation of the public peace;*
- *protecting the rights of persons and property;*
- *prevention of crime;*
- *detection and arrest of those who violate the law*
- *enforcement and prevention of violations of city ordinances and state and federal laws*

For police operations, the city is divided into two policing areas; East and West, with each policing area divided into three districts. The West Area includes Districts 24, 25, and 29; while the East Area includes Districts 26, 27 and 28.



Duluth's unique geography encompasses an area of just over 87 square miles with a resident population of nearly 87,000. In the fall the city's population increases by approximately 20,000 due to the influx of college students. It is estimated that the daily population swells to approximately 125,000 due to tourism, shopping and work opportunities in the city.

Department Organization

The Duluth Police Department is the third largest police department in Minnesota and is nationally recognized for innovative policing programs. The department has a staff of approximately 175 and has a 2009 budget of \$17.6 million. The department is divided into the Patrol Division, and the Investigative/Administrative Division.

The Patrol Division is divided into two geographic patrol areas. Each area is under the command of a lieutenant. The Patrol Division consists of the following units:

- *School Resource Officers*
- *K-9 Unit*
- *Community Policing Teams*
- *Patrol Shifts*

The Investigative/Administrative Division contains all investigative units and administrative functions. There are currently four lieutenants assigned to this division and consists of the following units;

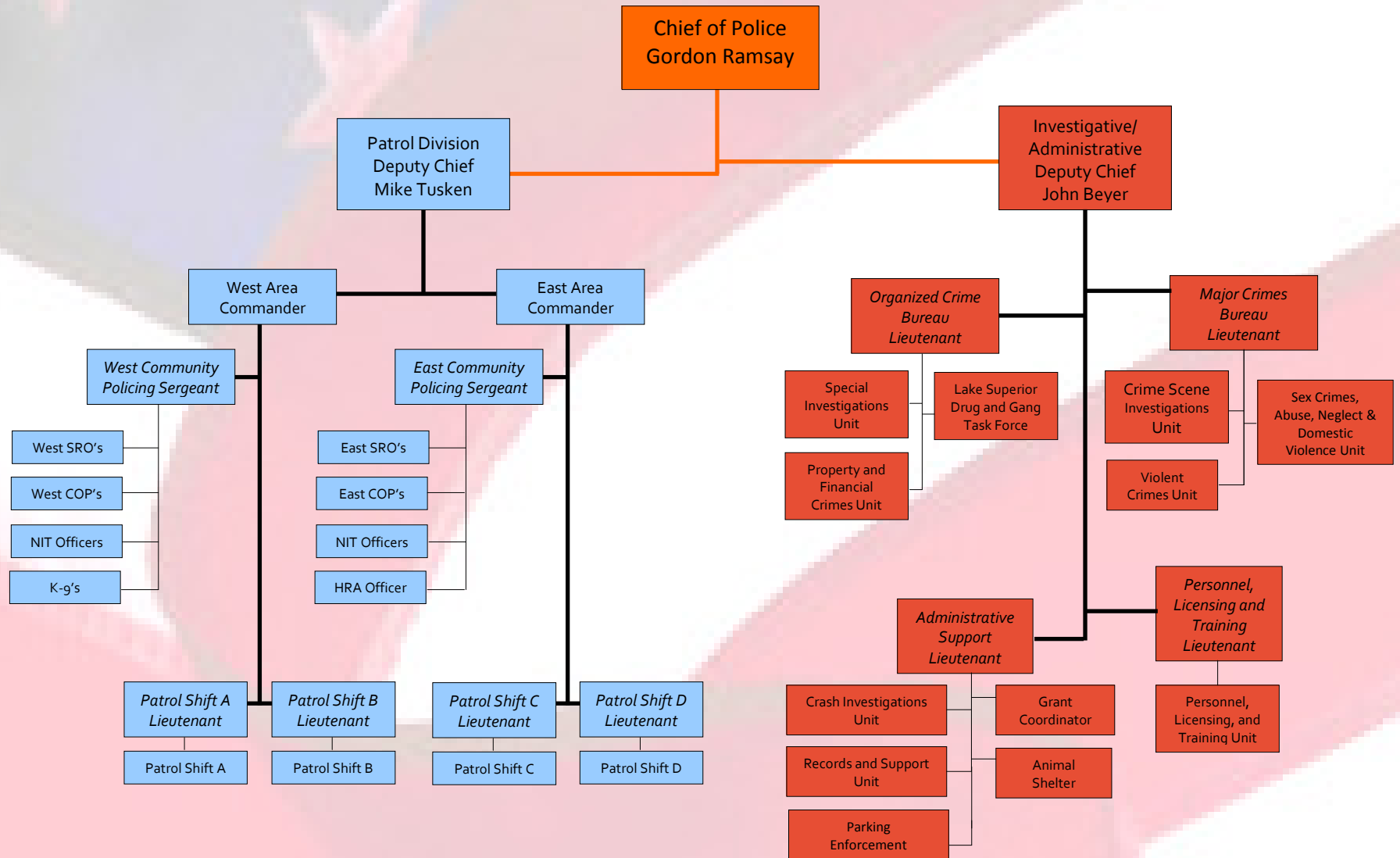
- *Crime Scene Investigation Unit*
- *Violent Crimes Unit*
- *Sex Crimes, Abuse, Neglect and Domestic Violence Unit*
- *Property/Financial Crimes Unit*
- *Crash Investigations Unit*
- *Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force*
- *Officer Development/Personnel/Licensing Unit*
- *Records Support Unit*
- *Animal Shelter/Control*
- *Other division responsibilities include internal investigations, fleet, MIS, facilities, and grant management*

Each unit consists of a sergeant and several investigators. The department operates out of two main buildings.

- Police headquarters is located in City Hall, 411 West 1st Street and contains administrative and investigative offices as well as East Patrol Area operations.
- The West Duluth building is located at 5830 Grand Avenue (behind the Library and Fire Hall) and houses West Patrol Area operations, investigative personnel, and the emergency operations center.

There are also neighborhood offices many of our community police officers work out of. Community officers work with residents and businesses to improve neighborhoods and deal with blight, disorder, and crime issues.

DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT



PATROL DIVISION

The patrol division in any police department serves as the “front-line” or “backbone” of the organization. Patrol officers are the first line of defense against crime and disorder in a community. Officers are deployed into neighborhoods where they develop relationships with residents and businesses. These relationships allow officers to hear community concerns and address them before a larger problem manifests. We know and expect officers will have a direct impact on the quality of life in neighborhoods.

In 2009 the patrol division was the best we have ever seen in Duluth police history! We have young, energetic and determined officers working in neighborhoods throughout the City committed to making each policing area crime free and safe.

Patrol is the largest work unit in the Police Department with 100 officers assigned. This includes:

- 60 officers are assigned to four patrol shifts;
- 3 Canine Officers
- 10 Community Police Officers (COP)
- 7 School Resource Officers (SRO)
- 1 DARE Officer
- 1 HRA Housing Officer
- 1 Compstat Coordinator

These officers are all supervised by ten sergeants, six lieutenants and one deputy chief.

Patrol response is primarily driven through 911 calls and officer initiated actions to observations while on patrol. Patrol officers police the streets and neighborhoods throughout the City with a mission of maintaining safety and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Below are some noteworthy patrol activities in 2009:

- **Traffic Safety/ Crash reduction initiative.** The Patrol Division continued work to reduce crashes and injuries associated with crashes through vigilant traffic enforcement efforts aimed at impaired driving enforcement. In 2008, the Duluth police made 333 DWI arrests. In 2009, Duluth police made 407 arrests; a 22% increase. This increase outpaced other local law enforcement agencies that saw decreased numbers in DWI enforcement.
- **Hell’s Angels USA Run.** In July 2009, the Hell’s Angels outlaw motorcycle group selected Carlton County for their annual USA Run. Our department took a leadership role in working with area law enforcement leaders to develop strategic plans for the event. With grant funding, officers staffed the streets of Duluth to do proactive enforcement in hot spot areas and to be available to respond to calls for service involving the Hell’s Angels. The law enforcement presence kept the Run orderly and without incident. During the event, crime in the City was nearly non-existent; evidence that a well-staffed Department strategically deployed into problem areas can impact crime and disorder while improving quality of life.
- **Compstat Planning.** Staff completed planned, developed and trained for Compstat philosophy for implementation in 2010. The Department spent 2009 researching Compstat (acronym for computer statistics) programs from across the U.S. to develop a program tailored to the needs of the Duluth police and the community. Statistics are a method of performance measurement. Much like a corporation measures success in profits and losses, police utilize crime statistics to measure increases or reductions in crime to define our success. Compstat utilizes crime statistics to influence officer deployments and direct officer activities to crime “hot spot areas” instead of relying on random patrols. Minneapolis Police were of great assistance in developing our program. Deputy Chief Robert Allen and his staff allowed our personnel to do site visits and offered strategies that were successful in reducing crime in their city. We know this new order of doing business will increase efficiency and reduce crime and disorder while improving quality of life in 2010.
- **Blight and HRA Officers.** The Department expanded our role in community policing in 2009. With funding from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) the Department added an officer to manage problem solving in HRA properties throughout the City of Duluth. Officer Ron Tinsley was selected for the position and his presence has improved the quality of life for residents in and around the 1,046 HRA units scattered throughout the City.

By the numbers in Patrol

- 2009 Calls for Service: 77,763
- Reports Written: 8,663
- Adults to Jail: 1,893
- Juveniles to AJC: 61



Traffic Safety/Crash Reduction

- Traffic Stops: 11,904
- Traffic Warnings Issued: 8,121
- Traffic Tickets Issued: 3,082
- Traffic Violations Issued: 8,764
- Traffic Stops Resulting in Arrests to Jail/AJC: 339
- DWI Arrests: 407

PATROL DIVISION - EAST

The officers of the East patrol division of community policing have a very active role in long-term problem-solving and, together with the West COPs, provide a vital resource for maintaining minimum staff for patrol shifts. These officers fill in on patrol shifts outside their usual assigned districts, reducing the need to hire overtime officers to fill vacant shifts. Ideally, COPs work within their assigned areas, but frequently they are assigned to other patrol districts outside of their neighborhoods. This willingness to be flexible is appreciated by the administration and does not go unnoticed. Citizens in our neighborhoods also notice the absence of these officers when they are not available to respond to non-urgent policing needs while filling in on extra patrol shifts.

COPs are a critical link between the police department and both residential neighborhoods and the business community. All COPs take an active role in identifying problems and working with specific individuals, addresses, and others affected by behaviors which may be criminal or non-criminal. COPs work with all affected parties to find solutions to problems, research laws and ordinances, offer suggestions for new ordinances and suggest modifications to existing ones to better address behaviors and the issues they encounter. For example, the efforts of COP Mike Tinsley resulted in a modification to the skateboard ordinance in the Canal Park area.

The East division encompasses a wide geographic area and serves a large and diverse population. Officers in the East division work with the business community in the downtown area, traditional single family neighborhoods, those in a state of transition from single family, and a mix of student and rental properties. In addition, these officers work with the seasonal community of tourists who come to the jewel of Duluth - Canal Park and Park Point. Most officers assigned to this area during the tourist season patrol on bicycles. In 2009, these officers logged 1,900 miles and issued 170 citations during a four month period.

Working together with members of the entire Duluth Police Department, the East community policing group addressed law enforcement concerns during the Hell's Angels Summer Run and contributed to the safety and success of the first "Bentleyville" display in Bayfront Festival Park.

These above examples show the diversity and the need to be subject matter experts on a variety of problems. The East COPs also show a desire to grow in their chosen law enforcement careers. The East COPs have helped each other out while one of their partner officers participated in a department program called PEP or Patrol Enrichment Program. This six week course removes the COP from their "regular" assignment and puts them into the investigative division where they are able to learn new investigative skills or learn more about an investigative unit they are interested in. Although for only a very short time, it provides the East COPs with very valuable insight in their career development.

Since taking effect in May 2008, police officers have issued 175 citations for social host violations while responding to disturbances in Duluth neighborhoods. Fines for violating the social host ordinance average \$500, while underage drinking citations issued under other ordinance violations, such as disturbing the neighborhood, result in lower fines of \$100. The higher allowable fines levied, along with the ability to cite responsible persons even if they are not present at the time of the incident, result in a greater impact and improved neighborhoods.

The police department isn't alone in its concern with behavioral incidents at and immediately after residential parties. As the social host ordinance is enforced and these incidents are tracked, officers and neighbors see the impact they have on the quality of life in their neighborhood. Community Police Officer Rob Hakala has been following up with neighborhood disturbances in the East Hillside area. Some who have received citations under the Social Host ordinance tell him that they have second thoughts about hosting another college party because of the large fines involved in underage drinking violations. Additionally, the University of Minnesota Duluth has adopted a policy to monitor and address off-campus behavior by their students. This extra scrutiny has modified some of the behaviors of enrolled students. Officer Hakala has also heard from the neighbors who believe this ordinance and policy change has improved their neighborhoods. The average number of dispatched calls on Friday and Saturday nights for disturbing parties has been cut in half since the enforcement of the ordinance, from ten to five calls per night.

The City Council and City Administration has provided the police department with a very effective tool for combating neighborhood disturbances through the development of the Social Host ordinance. But all Duluth residents are responsible for taking an active role in ensuring peaceful neighborhoods. If you believe someone is violating this ordinance, call 911. Without your call to the police, the incident may not be detected, and the offender may think their actions are acceptable.

Lt. Eric Rish-Commander, East Patrol Area

The West Patrol Area, which includes Patrol Districts 24, 25 and 29, saw crime reduced in several areas for 2009. This decrease is the result of greater cooperation between the police department, citizen patrol groups and the general public. Crime reduction efforts are truly at their best when the public and the police work together.

One major success in 2009 was the department's response to repeat problem addresses. The department has developed several call reduction plans to address these problem addresses. Call reduction plans are developed by Community Police Officers in various neighborhoods. The major component of the plan provides owners or persons responsible for the problem addresses a chance to meet with the community officers on a monthly basis to review police calls for service and discuss solutions. Decreases in calls for service have resulted at every address where this plan has been implemented.

For 2009, the West Patrol Area has seen the below items as noteworthy:

- The addition of a Neighborhood Impact Team (NIT) Officer in August. The NIT Officer is specifically assigned to respond to emerging trends such as street crime, vandalism, and quality of life issues in certain neighborhoods. A reduction in street robberies was one of the early successes of this position. Curfew details are also planned throughout the year.
- The Yoshiko Sauna was demolished in October after a pro-active investigation by the department resulted in charges against the owner and two employees for prostitution-related crimes. This was a collaborative effort between the public, the department and the City Attorney's Office.
- A problem-tracking database was developed for use by the West Community Police Officers. This allows for better accountability and resolution of citizen concerns and neighborhood issues. The database is overseen by the Community Policing Sergeant.
- Several West Area officers have been or will be deployed to the Middle East as part of various National Guard and Reserve Units. We greatly appreciate their service to our Country.
- Management of overtime paid to cover staffing shortages, military deployment, and transfers within the department continued to be a priority. Community Officers aided in keeping overtime costs down by back-filling open patrol shifts during the year. These open shifts would have been filled with overtime had the COPS not filled these shifts at straight-time pay.
- The Hells Angels 2009 USA Run was held in the region in late July-early August. The Duluth Police Department had a significant response to this event. The base of operations for DPD was the West Duluth Police Station, which served the operation very well.
- Upgrades in communications and emergency preparedness were made to the City's Emergency Operations Center located in the West Duluth Police Station.
- Each of the West Community Police officers received training on the topic of Crime Free Multi-Housing, which has been a successful program thus far. More will be done with the CFMH program in the near future.
- The Department added an officer that will work exclusively with the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority to deal with problem HRA properties. The officer will work with all HRA properties city-wide, and will benefit the West Patrol Area, which has a large number of HRA rental units.
- The department retired two canines (Nero-assigned to Officer S. R. Peterson and Niko-assigned to Officer Becka Kopp). The department will be replacing Officer Kopp's canine partner with a new partner in March of 2010.
- ATV Training was conducted for all of the West Community Officers by the DNR. Several ATV enforcement details were conducted in the far west parts of Duluth, with noticeable success and many positive comments from citizens in those neighborhoods.
- Formation of a "Top 10" West offenders list in June. Since that time, several individuals from that list have been arrested.
- Use of "Stealth Stat" technology to record vehicle speed in areas where citizens have expressed concern. Speed enforcement plans are then developed in areas where speeding is confirmed by the stealth (hidden) technology.
- The Lincoln Park Citizen's Patrol received the Neighborhood Housing Services "Cornerstone Award" in November for having a significant impact on a neighborhood served by NHS.

The West Patrol Area continues to present challenges to the department. Thefts from vehicles, burglaries and assaults have continued to affect pockets of the West Area. Strategies to combat these crimes, such as curfew enforcement and the work of the Community Police Officers, West Patrol Officers and the NIT Officer will continue to be used to bring these numbers down.

I would like to thank the citizens of the West Patrol Area for their continued work in assisting the Duluth Police Department in 2009, and look forward to a continued partnership in the future.

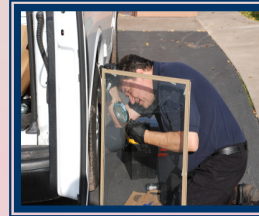
Together, we can prevent crime and keep quality of life high.

Lt. Kerry Kolodge-Commander, West Patrol Area

Crime Scene Investigation Unit *Highlights & Successes*

- Implementation of the BEAST property and evidence tracking software. Already reaping benefits in use of staff time more efficiently alone.
- Increased city revenues with assets recovered during clearing efforts.
- Decreased city encumbrances with assets recovered during clearing efforts.
- Approximately 27 arson cases charged out of 30 reported. This includes the arrest of serial arsonist Cody Lee Walker.
- Provided critical forensic support to other investigative units that have helped immeasurably with charging and conviction rates.

- Major progress in clearing the evidence vaults partly in preparation for the move to the new building.



Increased staffing through the grant process with two civilian Property and Evidence Technician positions and a part time Latent Print Examiner position.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS – 520

Cleared - 203

Open – 317

(A large amount of these referrals are requests for assistance from other units to aid investigations.)

SCAN & DVRT Unit (Sex Crimes, Child abuse and Domestic Violence)

Highlights & Successes

- Increased the number of PC arrests for domestic related offenses.
- Continued to strengthen interagency partnerships.
- Continued to increase accountability for case screening, follow up, victim notification and tracking.
- Added a grant funded investigator position to investigate adult CSC's.
- Implemented the POR tracking policy in cooperation with patrol.
- Implementation of the Family Justice Center.
- Implemented recommendations made by the Native American Women Sexual Assault Safety Audit.
- Have begun to pursue human trafficking and prostitution cases more aggressively.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO SCAN & DVRT – 1,360 (DVRT = 714 SCAN = 377)

Cleared – 1,049

Open – 356

Violent Crimes Unit

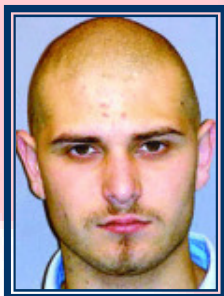
Highlights & Successes

- Albert Morrison homicide arrest.
- Lakewalk robbery suspects (juvenile) arrested. Three of four convicted and are now suspects in others.
- Assisted St. Paul PD with cold case homicide, suspect arrested.
- Federal weapons charges brought against habitual offender (burglaries, assaults, firearms, robberies) Kelly Jones.
- Several other firearms cases charged, including shootings with weapons recovered.
- Have reached a respectable (above national average) clearance rate for robberies. Rate would actually be higher dependent on a number of intangible variables.
- Antonio Burch charged with attempted homicide.
- McKay located and charged with attempted homicide.
- There have been a handful of other attempted homicide charges issued.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT – 721

Cleared - 468

Open – 253



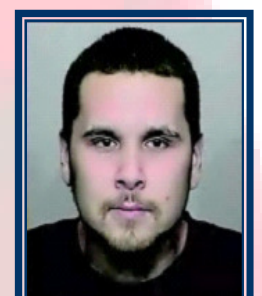
*Serial Arsonist
(Cody Lee Walker)*



*Higler homicide arrest
(Stephen Cobenais).*



*Cooney homicide arrest
(Philbert Barnes).*



*Serial offender Irah Goodwin
was located and charged with
2nd Degree Assault and
Robbery.*

Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force Highlights & Successes

- **OPERATION BIG DEAL-OCDETF** This joint federal conspiracy investigation relative to multi-defendant distribution and sale of more than 500 grams of cocaine base, interstate promotion of prostitution and the distribution and sale of "boot-legged" movies. This investigation is currently the most significant cocaine base investigation in Twin Ports' history. One of the more notable arrests under this OCDETF case is that of William Dotson and Eugenia Patterson. Dotson is a suspected Gangster Disciple with prior cocaine distribution convictions. During this arrest, Investigators seized 210.5 grams of crack cocaine and 478 grams of marijuana. Two vehicles and several thousand dollars in currency were also seized and are in the forfeiture process.
- Investigator Peterson, assigned to our Task Force as our surveillance expert, installed several IP cameras throughout the region in preparation for the USA Run. This system was invaluable to our success in monitoring this event. Peterson partnered with BATFE, Forest Service, and other technology experts to get this job done. Multiple hours of surveillance footage was gathered both through our efforts and through partnership with Black Bear Casino staff. As part of our cooperative and supportive efforts, Investigator Peterson, installed and maintained a newly acquired "Topshots" camera trailer to monitor activities at a month long Christmas event (Bentleyville) in the bay area. We believe that the trailer added to a safer event and led to crime suppression.
- LSDGTF Investigators continued an investigation into a prominent Twins Cities attorney after conducting a reversal operation in April 2009. Al Garcia and his girlfriend, Misty Iverson was indicted this quarter on methamphetamine charges under "Name Change". Garcia pled guilty to these charges. The LSDGTF was acknowledged as pivotal in the case by the U.S Attorney's Office. Late in 2009 Garcia and Iverson pled guilty to the charges.



Courtesy of Northland NewsCenter

In July and August, we teamed with the BATFE to staff the Hells Angels USA Run. We staffed the event with approximately 25 investigators mostly utilized as "Bar Teams". Investigators experienced little criminal activity based mainly on a strong police presence. We took the opportunity to continue to document gang membership and activity.

- The drug task force added a second analyst position in 2009 which will allow us to move forward with more technical and intelligence related support for our investigations. The analyst position is funded through a cooperative effort with the Northeast Law Enforcement Administrative Council (NLEAC) made up of several Northeast MN law enforcement agencies. Our other analyst continues to be an asset for the task force and Duluth Police Department and has been instrumental in the implementation of our COMPSTAT program which got underway in 2009.
- **OPERATION NAME CHANGE-OCDETF-** This joint LSDGTF/USBATFE OCDETF investigation involves the distribution and sale of significant quantities of methamphetamine within the Twin Ports area. Investigators have identified several high profile targets, both locally and regionally, involved in this drug trafficking organization. To date over 50 offenders have been convicted and sentenced in federal court under this investigation.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT – 425

Cleared - 337

Open – 88

Property & Financial Crimes Highlights & Successes

- In 2009, we added an Auto Theft investigator position to target this citywide problem. Funding was obtained through grant money for the "Auto Theft Task Force" position.
- In 2009 we continued to receive grant funding to support an officer assigned to the statewide Financial Crimes Task Force. We have continued to build relationships with other law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, and area businesses to target offenders involved in financial crimes.
- Our property crimes and financial crimes investigators have built strong partnership with many local police agencies as well as within the department and have had many successes working closely with the Neighborhood Impact Team which was established this year.
- Our unit investigators have had many successes through the conclusion of several long term burglary investigations. One case involved the recovery of over \$100,000.00 in stolen property. A subsequent investigation identified at least three organized burglary rings resulting in multiple arrests and a high clearance rate for burglary and related theft crimes within the city.
- Our financial crimes investigators developed close relationships with loss prevention specialist in our cities' businesses. Several repeat offenders involved in forgery and fraud crimes have been prosecuted this year. Additionally, one of our investigators continues to receive training in computer forensics and internet crimes and has been a resource for the department in that area.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO PROPERTY & FINANCIAL CRIMES – 1,845

Cleared – 1,062

Open – 676

Crash Investigations Unit *Highlights & Successes*

The Department employs two traffic crash investigators. Their primary responsibility the investigation of fatal and major injury crashes. There were **three** fatal crashes in the City of Duluth in 2009.

August 10, 2009 – West Central Entrance & Trinity Road (ICR#09336064)

Harold Edward Nelson, age 83, of Duluth, was walking northbound and crossing West Central Entrance at Trinity Road when he was struck by a 1998 Buick Park Avenue that was eastbound on West Central Entrance. Nelson died as a result of his injuries. Driver inattention was a contributing factor in the crash.

September 12, 2009 – 9200 Block of Grand Avenue (ICR#09358727)

Tylerlee Charles Magliocco, age 4, of Duluth, was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound on Grand Avenue after he darted out into traffic. Magliocco died as a result of his injuries.

November 30, 2009 – East 3rd Street & North 4th Avenue East (ICR#09407021)

Patricia Mary Lenski, age 82, of Duluth, was struck by a vehicle traveling westbound on 3rd Street while she was walking across 3rd Street. Lenski died as a result of her injuries on December 20, 2009. The crash is still under investigation.

The unit also provides support to the Patrol Division with their crash investigation duties. 2,771 crashes were reported to the Police Department in 2009.

1,948 – Property Damage; 574 – Property Damage/Hit & Run; 249 – Personal Injury

- School Patrol – Officer Sharon Montgomery manages the school patrol program. The school patrol is comprised of approximately 305 students. They are responsible for ensuring that students coming to and leaving school cross the streets safely. Montgomery is responsible for training and fundraising for them.
- Police Reserves – The Police Reserves are made up of 26 men and women who volunteer their time and talents to assist the Department with special events and emergencies. In 2009, the Reserves donated 1,752 hours of time at 38 special events and one TRT call-out.

TOTAL REFERRALS TO CRASH INVESTIGATIONS – 466

Cleared by arrest or citation – 351

Closed or suspended due to lack of evidence – 115

Parking Enforcement

The Department employs four parking meter monitors. Their primary duties include enforcement of all City of Duluth and State of Minnesota parking regulations. Parking enforcement city-wide was as follows:

<i>Violation</i>	<i>2009</i>
Meter (33-111b)	29,027
Alternate Side (33-97.8)	11,532
License Plate (33-11)	3,092
No Parking (33-97a)	1,615
No Parking 2-6	1385
Wrong Way (33-93c)	691
Time Limit (33-84)	576
Residential Permit	521
Loading Zone (33-87b)	518
20' of Crosswalk (33-82a.6)	508
Government Property (33-95)	505
24 Hour Parking (33-85)	476
30' of Stop Sign (33-82a.7)	381
7' of Driveway (33-82a.8)	304
No Plate (33-11)	287
Official Sign (33-82a.14)	207
Alley Parking (33-83)	206
Truck Zone (33-87a)	193
Aggravated Meter (33-111.6)	193
On Crosswalk (33-82a.5)	130

<i>Violation</i>	<i>2009</i>
On Sidewalk (33-82a.1)	125
Handicap	124
Fire Hydrant (33-82a.4)	110
Fire Lane (33.82a.16)	103
Bus Stop	95
In Front of Driveway (33-82a.2)	92
No Park/Stand	81
Block Driveway	79
Over 12" from Curb (33-93a)	67
Pk Hash (169.06-4)	55
Park Curfew	43
Feed Meter (33-109)	36
For Sale Sign (33-90)	26
Between St & SWK (33-82a.15)	22
Warning	22
Intersection (33-82a.3)	16
Obstruct Traffic Lane	9
Front Yard	9
Double Parking (33-82a.12)	9
2 Meter Stalls (33-106b)	9
Revoked Plate	9

<i>Violation</i>	<i>2009</i>
2 Vehicles at Meter (33-106a)	8
Fraudulent Plates	8
Taxi Stop (33-88)	7
TK/Trail	7
Keys in Ignition (33-91)	7
PK RTE (33-97.1-3)	5
Park Off Roadway	4
Abandoned	4
Parallel to Curb (33-93)	4
Wheel Curb (33-92)	3
Back Curb (33-94)	3
Park Parallel to Curb (33-93a)	2
20' FH (33-82a.10)	2
No Parking Brake	2
Meter – City Property	1
Bridge (33-82a.13)	1
Snow (33-97.1)	1
Snow Emergency	1
Dolly Down (33-87d)	1
Other	47
TOTAL	54,953

Personnel, Training and Licensing Unit

Highlights & Successes

- The training unit coordinated “Yellow Ribbon” training for members of our department which deals with reintegration issues of returning service members. DPD service members currently deployed have been assigned a “yellow ribbon navigator”. This person is called by the family whenever there is a question or concern about employment issues or reintegration concerning the service member.
- In the selection process for becoming a Duluth Police Officer, we have added a more comprehensive psychological testing process which will enable us to hire candidates most likely to succeed as a Duluth Police Officer and serve for many years.
- In 2009 The Training Unit of the police department was given the overall responsibility of putting on the annual Citizens Police Academy.
- Five Duluth Police Officers were certified as Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructors enabling them to now train all members of the department on state mandated emergency vehicle operations. This will save thousands of dollars per year because we will no longer pay outside institutions to train our officers to receive this mandated training.
- Our first ever Duluth Police Academy resulted in 100% retention of the 11 police recruits.



Fleet

The Department manages a fleet that contained 96 vehicles in 2009. 52 vehicles were marked patrol vehicles, 39 administrative and 5 specialty vehicles.

DEPARTMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION		
Year	Gallons of Fuel	Cost
2009	95,620	\$212,591
2008	98,662	\$283,411
2007	103,554	\$281,623



Technology

- Digital Video Recorders – In 2009, the Department continued to install digital video recorders in additional patrol vehicles bringing the total number to **20**. The new camera systems provide recording capability for both digital video and audio. The benefits of this technological advancement in patrol operations span several areas, including liability, evidence and safety.
- Field-Based Reporting – In 2009, the Department continued to install field-based reporting software and hardware to enable officers to complete some of their reports in the field rather than having to travel to headquarters. **22** patrol cars have been outfitted to date with more to come in 2010.

Animal Shelter

The Department operates an animal shelter at 2626 Courtland Street. The Shelter is staffed with three full-time employees. The shelter is responsible to care for the animals housed there. They are responsible for animal placement. They also work cooperatively with the Patrol Division is enforcing city and state animal regulations.

Type of Animal	INCOMING ANIMALS			OUTGOING ANIMALS				TOTAL
	Owner Surrender	Stray	Confiscated	AAHS Placed	City Placed	Euthanized	Claimed	
Dogs	57	434	42	179	18	39	297	533
Puppies	27	52	16	64	4	2	25	95
Cats	82	390	2	246	55	153	20	474
Kittens	46	235	3	205	22	54	3	284
Rabbits	3	4	0	0	5	2	0	7
Ferrets	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	7
Other	13	7	0	1	16	3	0	20
TOTAL	228	1,129	63	695	127	253	345	1,420

Administrative Investigations

The division is responsible for the oversight of all administrative investigations.

56 administrative investigations were initiated in 2009.

The dispositions were as follows:

- 20 = Sustained
- 14 = Not Sustained
- 4 = Exonerated
- 3 = Unfounded
- 9 = Closed or Suspended
- 6 = Pending

Calls for Service



Records & Support Division

The RSU is staffed by 17 non-sworn employees. They are responsible for all aspects of the records management system (RMS). RSU staff transcribes all reports completed by sworn staff as well as entering all citations issued by staff into the RMS. RSU staff handles all customer traffic at the desk Monday through Friday 0800-1800. RSU staff also complete all data requests received by external parties. 2009 crime statistics submitted to the BCA are listed here.

PART 1	2009	2008	2007	2006
Larceny Theft	3431	3524	3358	3214
Burglary	632	520	707	630
Aggravated Assault	200	195	248	224
Motor Vehicle Theft	190	167	227	213
Robbery	122	128	111	116
Criminal Homicide	3	3	1	1
Forcible Rape	28	43	37	66
Arson	31	17	10	12
TOTAL PART 1	4664	4597	4699	4476
PART 2	2009	2008	2007	2006
Other Assault	995	861	732	716
Forgery & Counterfeiting	137	118	171	166
Fraud	292	321	244	217
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	29	25	19	28
Vandalism	1507	1815	1807	1626
Weapons	56	47	41	47
Prostitution	6	8	3	5
Other Sex Offenses	173	122	126	104
Narcotics	460	451	382	427
Gambling	2	1	0	1
Families & Children	72	62	95	99
DUI	407	329	343	302
Liquor Law	684	532	637	775
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0
Disorderly	385	433	353	341
Vagrancy	18	19	27	36
Other	701	636	598	550
TOTAL PART 2	5815	5780	5578	5440
GRAND TOTAL	10452	10377	10277	9916

CRIME TRENDS AND STATISTICS

